

STATEMENT OF KAWILL RUFUS JONES

Today's date is August 19, 1996. The time is now 5:05 P. M. The following is a voluntary statement from Kawill Rufus Jones of Winona, Mississippi. This statement is given to John Johnson, Investigator with the District Attorney's office and Jack Matthews, of the Mississippi Highway Safety Patrol and Robert Jennings, Investigator with the District Attorney's office.

Johnson: Mr. Jones, I want to direct your attention back some time a year or so ago and ask you were you present when a pistol was bought from Ike Williams in the project in Winona by Doyle Simpson?

Jones: Yes.

Johnson: What kind of pistol was that?

Jones: It looked like a 380.

Johnson: Did anybody tell you it was a 380?

Jones: Doyle.

Johnson: Doyle Simpson told you it was a 380 pistol.

Jones: Yes.

Johnson: Ya'll were together and you were in the car with Doyle Simpson when he went over there to buy the gun?

Jones: Yes.

Johnson: What was his intent? What was he going after that day when he went over there?

Jones: To get some drugs.

Johnson: What kind?

Jones: Rock

Johnson: Did he come out of there with any?

Jones: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: What kind was that?

Jones: Crack

Johnson: How much?

Jones: A twenty piece.

Johnson: When Doyle came back out, did he show you a 380 automatic?

Jones: Yes.

Johnson: Did he tell you where he got it?

Jones: Yes.

Johnson: Where was that?

Jones: Ike in the project.

Johnson: Did he tell you how much he paid for it?

Jones: Yes.

Johnson: How much?

Jones: Seventy Dollars

Johnson: Then did he tell you any special deal about the deal. I mean was he able to try the gun out or what?

Jones: No, Sir. He said he just paid for it right there.

Johnson: Did ya'll go try it out?

Jones: Yes

Johnson: Where did ya'll go?

Jones: Behind my house.

Johnson: Around behind your house on Bluff Springs Road?

Jones: Yes.

Johnson: who shot the gun?

Jones: Me.

Johnson: How many times did you shoot it?

Jones: Twice.

Johnson: What did you shoot it into?

Jones: The ground.

Johnson: How long ago do you think this has been?

Jones: A year.

Johnson: About a year ago?

Jones: In March

Johnson: So in an interview prior to this you indicated that Curtis Flowers approached you about the conversation on this gun a few days after the murders at Tardy Furniture. Is that right?

Jones: Yes

Johnson: How did he approach you?

Jones: He said that Doyle said he was with us when he bought the gun.

Johnson: Doyle had said that ...?

Jones: Me, him, and Curtis was together.

Johnson: You dispute the fact that Curtis was with him at the time the gun was purchased?

Jones: No, Sir.

Johnson: You don't dispute it?

Jones: No, he was with us.

Johnson: Curtis was with you?

Jones: No, Doyle.

Johnson: So, who bought the gun?

Jones: Doyle.

Johnson: And who was with him?

Jones: Me.

Johnson: Where was Curtis Flowers?

Jones: I don't know.

Johnson: but after these murders, Curtis Flowers came to you and asked about the gun?

Jones: Yes.

Johnson: What did he ask?

Jones: He ask me did they said that they were in the shooting, his gun Doye (inaudible) came up missing. He said that me and him, me and Doyle was together and Doyle when he bought the gun.

Johnson: He is saying that Doyle Simpson had told that?

Jones: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: To the police?

Jones: I guess.

Johnson: So Curtis Flowers, where were you at when he approached you?

Jones: (Inaudible)

Johnson: What is her name?

Jones: Ruthie May Campbell

Johnson: At that location, Curtis comes to you and asked you what?

Jones: He said that somebody said that me and him and Doyle was together when he bought the gun.

Johnson: What else did he say?

Jones: I told him, "No, you wasn't." He said that is what they are saying. I said, "Naw, just me and him and I went to the house and shot it twice."

Johnson: Have you seen that gun since then?

Jones: No, Sir.

Johnson: Did Curtis Flowers know that Doyle Simpson had that gun?

Jones: Yes, Sir.

Johnson: How did he know?

Jones: He said he seen it one time when they were riding together.

Johnson: So in riding with him he had seen it. Where was it at?

Jones: In the glove compartment.

Johnson: Of whose car?

Jones: Doyle Simpson.

Johnson: That concludes the statement. The time is now 5:11 P. M.